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1. The appeal of the Albanian Government for the organization of a "League for the Aid and Protection of the Army" has provoked new disillusionment in the people, who see in this measure only new privations.
2. [redacted] obvious nervousness characterizes the Government, as evidenced by the special measures that are being taken. In connection with the organization of the "League for the Army" (sic), on 10 August 1949 representatives of the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Labor arrived in Delvine and Gjinokaster. They demanded from the Regional People's Councils there 1,000 workers from the Delvine region and another 1,500 from Gjinokaster. This measure is being applied throughout Albania, and they expect to gather about 10,000 workers from the whole country to form 20 labor battalions. This measure at present amounts to a compulsory recruitment of workers, as distinct from the past practice of forming volunteer labor brigades.
3. All engineers, technicians, doctors, and dentists between the ages of 25 and 55 have been summoned to appear in Tirana by the end of August; it is expected that some of them will be recruited for the army.
4. A new order has been issued which prohibits all persons from traveling from one village to another without an identity card.
5. An order of the Albanian Government, issued on 15 August 1949, directs young men born in 1929 and 1930 to report at their local recruiting offices by 20 August 1949, if they have not yet served in the army. [redacted] the Delvine-Vourko region will report at Sarande, and from [redacted] will be sent to Gjinokaster for training.

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[redacted] country battalions of 18 Infantry Regiment held maneu-
with heavy and light mortars and some artillery.
[redacted] went to the Vagalat region, and the other moved
[redacted] Bouzina region.*

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